

Concurrent Education Program Rockford High School and Ferris State University

Concurrent enrollment provides high school students the opportunity to take college-credit bearing courses taught by college-approved high school teachers. It is a low-cost, scalable model for bringing accelerated courses to students in urban, suburban, and rural high schools. Students gain exposure to the academic challenges of college while in their supportive high school environment, earning transcribed college credit at the time they successfully pass the course. Concurrent enrollment also facilitates close collaboration between high school teachers and college faculty that fosters alignment of secondary and postsecondary curriculum.

Program Description

- Ferris State University general education courses offered at Rockford High School
- Classes taught by RHS faculty reviewed, approved, and prepared by FSU
- College courses are identical in content and rigor to classes offered on FSU campus
- Courses are offered during regular school day to fit the RHS schedule

Students

- Interested RHS students screened and recommended by RHS administration
- RHS students fully admitted to FSU based on 18 ACT or 19 on ACT plan test
- Must maintain 2.0 GPA to remain in program

Finances

- RHS faculty employed and paid by RHS as part of regular contract
- FSU reduces tuition to \$120 per credit (one-third regular tuition rate)
- RHS pays student tuition

Current Success

- Pilot program began Fall 2013
- There are over 143 **students** enrolled (122 Concurrent and 21 CARE 102 students)
- Current Courses
 - English 150
 - Literature 150
 - Math 220 (Calculus 1)
 - Math 230 (Calculus 2)
 - Math 320 (Calculus 3)
 - Career and Education Planning (CARE 102)

Dual Enrollment Course

Advantages for RHS Students

- College study begins in the supportive home environment
- Students will experience the rigor of university-level curriculum
- Students graduate with FSU transcript and up to 30 credits of general education courses
- Students can graduate with one year of college completed and without student debt

Future Plans

- Expand course offerings for second year of program
- There will be a Michigan Chapter (MiCEP, Michigan Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships) of NACEP (National Association of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships)
- Michigan NACEP conference coming this summer (August 2014)